

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. South Vietnam

a. The Italian Ambassador and the Apostolic Delegate in Saigon believe Ngo Dinh Nhu wants to work things out with the US. They say, apparently on the basis of contact with Nhu, that Madame Nhu is ready to leave the country for a time in order to "save face" for the United States.

b. The Italian Ambassador considers Nhu nonetheless to be basically anti-American and intent on ultimate neutralization and unification of Vietnam.

c. Both he and the Apostolic Delegate referred to rumors that Nhu is "in touch" with the North.

d. [redacted]
Nhu recently boasted in a meeting with general officers of his contacts with the North. [redacted]

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[redacted] high North Vietnamese officials claim they have contacts with their south Vietnamese counterparts.

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e. [redacted]
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[redacted] the French provide channels for such contacts.

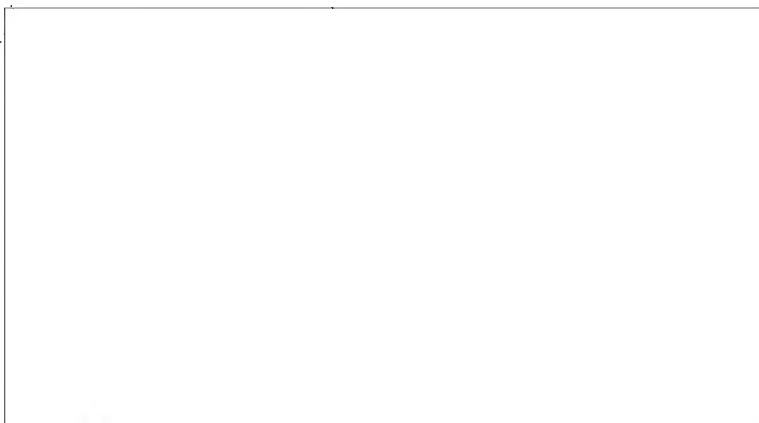
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**2. UAR/Saudi
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3. Cuba

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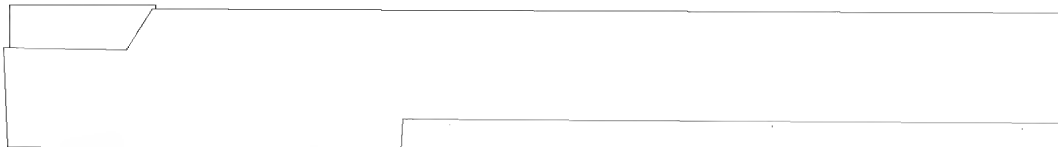
b. Security forces apparently captured a group of 15 "well-armed" infiltrators which had been spotted by a Cuban naval unit late yesterday morning at Manati on the northeast coast.

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- B. Sino-Soviet Dispute The Soviet government paper Izvestia has again chided Peiping for inaction toward Hong Kong, Macau, Matsu and Taiwan--a sterling example, Izvestia says, of the meaninglessness of Chinese Communist militancy when it comes to matters on its own shores. The last time the Soviets brought this up, the Chinese asked if the Russians really meant to raise the question of "unequal treaties," under which Czarist Russia took large areas of Central Asia, Mongolia and Manchuria from China.